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FRANCE TO FIGHT UNTIL ALSACE-LORRAINE IS WON

FOES ALMOST DEADLOCKED EAST AND WEST; TERRIFIC FIGHTING; LITTLE CHANGE

FRENCH PARLIAMENT OPENS WITH RESOLUTE STATEMENT BY PREMIER VIVIANI—SIEGE WARFARE ON WEST PROGRESSES LABORIOUSLY—ONLY MARKED CHANGE ON TIPS OF EASTERN LINES—GERMAN AND RUSSIAN TROOPS FIERCELY BATTLING FOR RIVERS

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

PARIS, France, Dec. 22.—France's determination to wage relentless war until she has won back the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine was declared today by Premier Viviani in opening the French Parliament.

The premier said:

"France is acting in accord with her allies, never to sheath the sword until she has taken vengeance for her outraged rights, until she has united for all time to the French fatherland her ravished provinces, restored heroic Belgium to the fullness of material life and political independence, and crushed Prussian militarism in order to reconstruct on a basis of justice a regenerated Europe."

Allies Lose in Attacks, Asserts German official Bulletin Today

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 22.—Official.—"The situation around Neuport and Ypres is quiet."

"At St. Hubert the British desperately attempted to regain the positions lost last Sunday but failed with losses. Around Riehebourg the enemy has obtained a firm foothold in old positions."

"French attacks near Campeigne, Souain and Albert were violently repulsed. In the western part of the forest of Argonne we have captured some trenches. In eastern Argonne we have repulsed French attacks north and west of Verdun. In these encounters the enemy lost heavily."

"The Prussian situation is unchanged. In Poland our troops are fiercely battling for the possession of the rivers Bzura and Rawa."

Paris Declares Offensive Move Continues to Win, Though Slowly

PARIS, France, Dec. 22.—Official.—"Between the sea and the river Lys yesterday there were only artillery engagements."

"Between the rivers Lys and Aisne we have repulsed a German attack sent from Carency."

"The enemy's offensive against Mametz has made further material gains impossible. Near Lihors we have repulsed three attacks."

"A series of violent bayonet engagements near Souain has not yet brought a decisive result. In the suburbs of Perthesles and Hurlus we have occupied 1500 yards of the enemy's trenches, constituting three positions."

"In the forest of Lagurrie progress continues. At St. Hubert we lost some ground but of this two-thirds has been recaptured."

"Between the forest of Argonne and the river Meuse, in the suburbs of the town of Vauquais, we pierced barbed wire entanglements and captured several trenches. On the right bank of the Meuse we lost and then reconquered territory first won on Sunday."

Stubborn Siege Warfare Makes Progress in the West Laborious

LONDON, England, Dec. 22.—Violent battling at many points on two war-fronts and everywhere else a dogged pressure kept up day and night with the hammering of artillery fire, has produced few important changes in the last 24 hours.

The only marked shifts in the lines to be gathered today from the news in eastern and western arena of war is that there have been changes in the northern and southern tips of the armies fighting on the Russian-Austrian-German border.

In the western theater of conflict, the stubborn and laborious siege warfare persists, each army advancing or falling back a few yards in days of grim battling.

Some Successes by Russians Are Claimed in London Statements

LONDON, England, Dec. 22.—Although the Russian center has retired somewhat as a result of the vigorous German move into Poland, the Russians have now been reinforced and the center army holds a strong position along the Bzura river.

North of Vistula, it is asserted by Petrograd, the Germans have been pushed back across the frontier behind Soldou. On the south, the Austrian advance through the Carpathians has been checked, according to Russian information, and the same authority states that several sorties have been attempted by the Austrian garrison penned up in Przemyśl, but each sortie was met and defeated by the investing Russians.

**Premier Viviani
Says France Will be
in Fight to Finish**



Premier of French republic, who tells parliament that his country will stay in war with Allies until wrongs are righted.

IDZUMO AND ASAMA ALERT

[Associated Press Cable]

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 22.—The Japanese cruiser Idzumo sailed from this port today and another Japanese cruiser, the Asama, arrived.

JOFFRE ORDER BERLIN'S JOKE

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 22.—Today's official German bulletin contains the following grimly-humorous reference to the capture of orders from Gen. Joffre calling for a general offensive movement:

"Unfortunately it was discovered yesterday, after Gen. Joffre's order was made public and published, that it contained this appendix: 'Publication of this order in the press must be prevented.'"

HOUSE TO VOTE ON 'DRY' ISSUE ABOUT MIDNIGHT

**Ten Hours' Debate Today Upon
Amendment to National
Constitution**

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The house today is engaged in a 10 hours' debate upon the Hobson resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to provide national prohibition. A vote upon the resolution will not be reached before midnight. Two-thirds vote is necessary for its passage, after which it would go to the senate.

ARIZONAN STANDS BY MOTORSHIP ON SOUTHERN SHORE

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 22.—The motorship Malakka is ashore at Cedros Island. The American-Hawaiian freighter Arizonan is standing by.

The board of harbor commissioners will meet at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The weekly session scheduled for today was postponed because Superintendent Forbes had other urgent business affairs requiring his attention and Col. McCarthy was attending the session of the board of estimates on the school budget.

CARNIVAL DRAWS LARGE CROWDS TO THE CROSS-ROADS

**Steamship Bookings Indicate
Overflow of Tourists During
Next Few Months**

**HAWAIIAN FAIR BUILDING
WILL TIPIFY ISLANDS**

**Taylor Reports Inquiries For
Local Data Are Heavier
Than Anticipated**

Passenger steamships scheduled from San Francisco to Honolulu, to arrive here before the Carnival, already are booked to full capacity, according to information received this morning from San Francisco.

The report was in accordance with the prediction of a great influx of tourists to the islands this winter, due to the war and other irregular incidents. Tourists to the islands are now being refused accommodations, so great in number have reservations totalling.

The Mongolia, scheduled out of San Francisco January 9, is reported to have a full passenger list. A similar report indicates the Sierra, which is timed to sail January 5, has a full cabin. The Matsonia will sail December 30 from San Francisco for Honolulu booked to full capacity, according to present indications.

Steamship officials declare due credit should be given to the Hawaii Promotion Committee and to Albert P. Taylor, the committee's San Francisco agent, for the heavy travel to the islands. Mr. Taylor reported to a Star-Bulletin reporter last week in San Francisco that the number of inquiries concerning the island, which have been directed to the San Francisco bureau, were considerably greater than he had anticipated.

The Hawaii building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition well typifies the geographical location of the islands. It is situated in the exposition grounds so that it may be known as the "cross-roads" of the fair grounds. The islands' headquarters are centering attention of before-the-fair visitors to the exposition grounds.

As many of the nation's prominent figures, a remark made by a rural visitor to the exposition grounds last week could not be considered out of place.

The visitor was standing outside of the Hawaiian building admiring the structure when his eyes met with the names of the islands, which are inscribed below the eaves of the building. Then he shifted a piece of hay to the other side of his mouth and remarked:

"I wonder who them feilers are, h'a'nt never heard of them before." Then he walked away wondering why the others laughed.

BEN HOLLINGER WOULD SEND BAND TO THE BIG FAIR

Hawaii will be represented at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition by the Royal Hawaiian Band. If the proposition outlined by Supervisor-elect Ben Hollinger this morning is accepted by the city officials.

Mr. Hollinger arrived in Honolulu this morning in the Matson liner Wilhelmina from San Francisco, where he spent several weeks inquiring into the San Francisco methods of conducting municipal affairs. His proposal, as outlined to the Star-Bulletin, is for Honolulu to substitute a trip to the 1915 fair instead of the annual vacation which has been extended to the members of the Royal Hawaiian band every September.

According to Mr. Hollinger's plan the band would represent the islands from June 11, Hawaii day at the fair, until early in July. It would serve without additional pay and the trip would be timed so that the organization would be absent from the city only one month. In that manner Honolulu would receive its customary 11 months of musical entertainment through public band concerts.

The only additional cost to the city would be the traveling expenses of the band Mr. Hollinger estimates, and this, he declares, would be well justified, taking into consideration the promotion value of such a tour.

"Many states will be represented at the fair by musical organizations," Mr. Hollinger asserted this morning, "such as the Cheese band of Oregon, and similar bands, and I believe it would be an excellent move on the part of Honolulu to send the Royal Hawaiian band to the exposition. While in San Francisco I called upon Musical Director George W. Stewart of the exposition staff, and he was enthusiastic over my proposal. He predicted that the tour would be a

George Cornwallis West Shot? Reported Executed as Traitor

SALT LAKE, Dec. 13.—Lieut. George Cornwallis West, officer of the Scots Guards and former husband of Lady Randolph Churchill, mother of Winston Churchill, First Lord of the British Admiralty, was shot to death as a traitor to his country either at sea or in the Lewes prison, according to two letters received in Salt Lake from entirely different sources.

George Cornwallis West, in whose veins flowed the bluest of England's blue blood, was caught, it is charged in the letters, with betraying British secrets to the Germans while he was serving as military secretary to Lord Kitchener. The first letter, received Thursday, is from the wife of a prominent Salt Lake Englishman, whose son is a subaltern in the British army. It stated that George Cornwallis West had been executed under orders from Lord Kitchener. It gave the place of his execution at sea.

A letter which was received today, since the publication of the news of the first letter, from an entirely different source, also states that he was executed either at sea or in Lewes prison. This letter, which comes from a person close to the British War Office, states that Lord Kitchener learned that the Germans were receiving orders issued by him before they were received by Sir John French or Gen. Joffre. A decoy message was planned, and the letter states that George Cornwallis West was caught rifling the private desk of Lord Kitchener at midnight. The names of the senders of the letters, which are uncensored, are withheld on their protests, but both letters are in the possession of the Herald-Republican here.

HOLLINGER HOME WITH BIG IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

**Advocates Use of Bitulithic As
Most Satisfactory Paving
for Honolulu's Streets**

Much impressed with the value of bitulithic as a paving material and its availability, Supervisor-elect Ben Hollinger is back today from his trip to California to look into municipal methods. He is so impressed with bitulithic that he says he will urge it upon the attention of the new board of supervisors early next month.

An announcement to that effect was made by Mr. Hollinger this morning on his arrival from San Francisco on the Wilhelmina, and the decision was made following a detailed investigation of street pavement in and about San Francisco by Mr. Hollinger during the past few weeks.

"Before election I promised the citizens of Honolulu good government, and I intend to carry out my campaign promises to the letter. I will strongly urge bitulithic upon the attention of the supervisors to be laid wherever practicable in Honolulu."

"My selection was made after a detailed investigation at San Francisco," the new board member continued, "and was made for several reasons. First of all, macadam, water bound, costs too much to maintain and in general is unsatisfactory; asphalt is too shiny and dusty and is hard on both horses and automobiles in rainy weather; creosote block pavement is too slippery in wet weather and costs too much to lay. I have found bitulithic to be entirely satisfactory where it had been carefully tested."

Late features of the mainland fire departments, as found by Mr. Hollinger, are the fire gong and sirenophone systems which have recently been installed in Portland and San Francisco. After examining the gong system at San Francisco Mr. Hollinger reported that he would make an effort to have a similar system installed in Honolulu. The arrangement consists of a series of posts, one at each intersecting street in the downtown district, when a fire alarm is sounded red lights show on these posts and gongs attached automatically sound for a clear street for several blocks ahead of the approaching fire engines.

"These gongs are inexpensive to install and are cheap to operate and their installation in Honolulu would mean one more step for the safety of Honolulu citizens," Mr. Hollinger explained this morning, "and it was one of the improvements I noticed in San Francisco which I heartily favor for Honolulu."

The system in Portland is more complicated than the one in San Francisco. The posts there are about 20 feet in height while the San Francisco poles are about half as high. The Portland poles resemble the semaphores of a steam railroad and act in a similar manner. While in San Francisco Mr. Hollinger inspected the emergency hospitals and the morgue of that city closely. In Honolulu this morning he expressed himself in favor of a city-owned hospital and ambulance and stated that he was in favor of several important changes in the local morgue, the details of which he said he would explain later.

decided success from a Hawaiian standpoint, and agreed to make arrangements for housing the island organization should the plan be adopted.

"The heaviest expense would be in transportation," Mr. Hollinger continued, "but as the Royal Hawaiian band is a part of the local administration, I believe some sort of arrangements could be made whereby the musicians could be transported to and from San Francisco in an army transport."

The proposal to send the Royal Hawaiian band to San Francisco will be taken up before the supervisors early next month.

WOMAN IS BADLY INJURED BY GUN NEAR LEILEHUA

**Automobile Party From Honolulu
Held in Guard House
Pending Probe**

Annie Flores, a member of an automobile party that left the city at midnight last night for Leilehua, is today hovering between life and death at Schofield Barracks hospital, from a bullet that pierced her right lung, following a quarrel with a male companion that took place within the borders of the military reservation.

Joseph Apon, chauffeur connected with a Mauna Kea street stand, driver of machine number 1516, engaged to take Annie Flores, her sister Maggie, an enlisted man and a civilian to the post, has told the police a story that requires much explanation before it can be credited.

Two women and two men accosted Apon shortly after midnight, agreeing to pay \$15 for the trip to Leilehua, so he stated to Deputy Sheriff Asch and Captain of Detectives McDuffie before the officials departed for the scene of the shooting this morning.

A man whom Apon said that he did not know was left at Fort Shafter. The remainder of the party, continued the journey to Schofield.

Apon states that near the military reservation his attention was arrested by the angry shouts from a male member of the party.

Annie Flores, who sat on the rear seat of the car, cried, "Shoot if you want to; I don't care."

Immediately four shots rang out and Apon turning from the wheel of the car saw the girl fall forward, a stream of blood coming from her breast.

According to the chauffeur, the sister of the injured woman was in no condition to render any assistance, being fast asleep in the machine.

Apon rushed the injured woman to the post hospital, the report of the gun having brought several sentries to the scene. The girl, unconscious and breathing with difficulty, was treated at the hospital, while the military authorities have decided to hold Apon and other persons found in the car. The party was locked up in the guard house.

TWO RAILROADS TO CONSOLIDATE

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 22.—One of the biggest railroad deals of the year was made certain today when returns were received from a vote of stockholders, ratifying a consolidation of the Lake Shore and New York Central systems. The deal involves \$300,000,000.

LIQUOR LICENSE BOARD TO GET OPINION TODAY

An important opinion from the attorney-general relating to questions of law interpretation involved in the application of the Pleasanton hotel for a liquor license will be submitted to the board of license commissioners at a meeting this afternoon. The meeting is to be held in the supervisors' room, and will take up, besides the Pleasanton hotel application, some transfer applications. It is also possible that the board will pass upon applications of local hostellers for special privileges during certain nights of the holiday season.

Sailing in ballast from Pearl Harbor the schooner A. F. Combs is reported to have arrived at Port Townsend on last Friday.

MATSON LINE TO ADD TO FLEET IN PACIFIC TRADE

**John H. Drew Reports Efforts
Being Made to Secure Boat
to Replace Honolulu**

**WILL BE USED TO MOVE
THE 1915 SUGAR CROP**

**Capt. Matson Now on the East
Coast Seeking a Vessel—
Heavy Tourist Travel**

The Matson Navigation Company will employ an additional freight tonnage in the movement of approximately 40,000 tons of 1915 crop sugar from the Hawaiian islands to the Pacific coast refineries, is the announcement received in this city today with the return of John H. Drew, shipping manager for Castle & Cooke, who, having spent some weeks on the mainland, was a passenger in the Matson steamer Wilhelmina.

"A chartered steamer designed primarily to carry cargo will be added to the fleet of Matson steamers, to take care of the allotment of sugar for transportation to San Francisco," said Mr. Drew.

"When the charter of the American-Hawaiian passenger and freight steamer Honolulu expired some months ago the company suffered a loss of considerable tonnage."

Mr. Drew added that the Matson steamer Manoa lost several trips between Honolulu and the coast, while the Matsonia was also withdrawn for a round trip. A vessel with a freight carrying capacity similar to the Lurline or the Hyades will be secured. Capt. Matson Seeking New Ship.

Captain William Matson, general manager of the steamship company bearing his name, is now on the east coast of the United States where a number of prospects are under consideration. The American steamer Camano, which a few days ago was dispatched with many thousands of relief stores for destitute Belgians, was among the several steamers of fair tonnage to receive an inspection by Capt. Matson with a view of selecting a temporary charter.

The new steel steamer Francis Hanly, that has just left the builders and is stated to be peculiarly adapted for the transportation of sugar, is now considered. This vessel is said to be well fitted for the Pacific trade and possesses adequate speed to insure its holding a place in the regular Matson steamer schedule.

In addition to the Hanly two or three steamers of similar tonnage and equipment, to carry freight only, will come under the inspection of Captain Matson before he will conclude a deal and return to San Francisco.

Improved Schedule Promised.
A far more frequent schedule will follow the addition of another vessel to the Matson fleet. While a steamer may be chartered for less than one year, it will be despatched from San Francisco in conjunction with the res-

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INSURGENTS ARE THREATENING TO BREAK MINISTRY

**The Anti-Government Party of
Japan to Institute Fight
on Count Okuma**

(Special cable to the Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 22.—The members of the Seiyukai, the anti-government party, have made the announcement that within a short time they will take the floor in parliament and institute a campaign which they say ultimately will result in the breaking up of the present ministry under Premier Count Okuma.

K. Mara, president of the Seiyukai, today had a conference with Prince A. Yamagata, one of the elder statesmen, and discussed with him the plan of the Seiyukai to quash the present ministry. Following the conference Mara called a meeting of the leaders of the party and it was decided that they would carry the fight to the floor of parliament.

A further report is that Count Okuma and his cabinet ministers are doing all in their power to weaken the influence of the Seiyukai and that, as a result of their efforts, several members of that party already have resigned.

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